

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A method of treatment of a human or non-human animal subject to combat inflammation arising from a condition associated with or without pain wherein the inflammation is sub-dermal and in soft tissue, said method comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of a physiologically tolerable strontium compound,
wherein said strontium compound is administered to the surface of the skin.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is not associated with pain.

4. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is not associated with a sporting injury.

5. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said administration is not oral.

6-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said strontium compound is administered further with a skin penetration enhancing agent.

9. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said skin penetration enhancing agent is dimethylsulphoxide.

10. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said strontium compound is selected from the group consisting of strontium chloride, strontium acetate and strontium nitrate.

11. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said strontium compound is a strontium complex with a chelating agent.

12. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein said chelating agent is present in at least 2% mol excess relative to strontium.

13. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said chelating agent is present in an excess of at least 50% mol relative to strontium.

14. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with acne vulgaris.

15. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with psoriasis

16. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with radiation therapy.

17. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said inflammation is associated with arthritis.

18. (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said inflammation is not associated with pain.